

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendments filed 3/13/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 21&22 (now renumbered 1,2, respectively).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 21&22 are allowable over the prior art of record.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claim 21, the invention relates to a video server, including a data recorder-reproducer, a bit map data processing method, control program processing method and setting data processing method of the data recorder-reproducer.

The closest references Morioka et al (US 6,324,334) disclose an apparatus for recording and reproducing data representing video, data representing sound, and other auxiliary data onto/from a disk medium, a tape medium, or a recording/reproducing apparatus which can effectively perform an editing operation and establish a network connected with an external system, Pont et al (US 6,014,170) teach an information processing apparatus that is connectable to other electronics units so as to form a system to apply specified processing to main image data, sub-image data, and audio data input from the electronic units, and an information processing method therefor, Lubbers et al (US 5,774,643) teach Redundant Arrays of Independent Disks (RAID) architecture and systems, including methods and apparatus for enhancing RAID write hole protection and recovery from system failures which would normally leave a "write

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hole", and Bealkowski et al (US 5,826,075) teach personal computer systems, including an arrangement for storing system firmware.

However, Morioka et al, Pont et al, Lubbers et al and Bealkowski et al fail to explicitly disclose a video server for internally superimposing bit map data on audio-visual data, where the server further comprises a plurality of recording media in a RAID (redundant Array of Inexpensive Discs) configuration including interpolation means for restoring lost audio-visual data by using stored parity data and remaining audio-visual data, integral mixing means for internally superimposing the bit map data on the audio-visual data within the video server, and setting changing means for changing settings of the video server based on the setting data received by the interface means.

Regarding claim 22, the invention relates to a video server, including a data recorder-reproducer, a bit map data processing method, control program processing method and setting data processing method of the data recorder-reproducer.

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However, Morioka et al, Pont et al, Lubbers et al and Bealkowski et al fail to explicitly disclose a method for internally superimposing bit map data on audio-visual data for use in a video with a plurality of recording media in a RAID (redundant Array of Inexpensive Discs) configuration, where the method further comprises interpolating lost audio-visual data by using stored parity data and remaining audio-visual data, superimposing the bit map data on the audio-visual data within the video server using integral mixer, and changing settings of the video server based on the setting data received in the step of receiving bit map data, a control program, and setting data externally supplied from a network or a memory card through an interface.

Conclusion

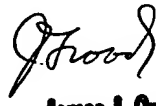
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher Onuaku whose telephone number is 571-272-7379. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Groody can be reached on 571-272-7950. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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